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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In accordance with Local Rule 3-12, the United States of America hereby files this Notice specifying that this matter may potentially constitute a related case to *UNITED STATES OF AMERICA v. M/V COSCO BUSAN, LR/IMO Ship No. 9231743, her engines, apparel, electronics, tackle, boats, appurtenances, etc., in rem, REGAL STONE LIMITED, et al., in personam*. CV-07-6045-SI (N.D. Cal.).

Both actions arise from the November 7th oil spill involving the M/V COSCO BUSAN (the “Vessel”). The action filed by the United States includes maritime lien claims against the Vessel *in rem*, those claims based upon express statutory rights granted by Congress under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (“NMSA”), 16 U.S.C. § 1443, and the Park System Resource Protection Act (“PSRPA”), 16 U.S.C. § 19jj-1(b). The United States’ action also asserts statutory *in personam* claims against, *inter alia*, defendant Regal Stone Limited.

Though not based upon the foregoing statutes (neither of which provide a private cause of action), the plaintiffs' pleadings and related papers in case number CV-07-5800-SC purport to assert what appears to be a tort-based maritime lien claim against the Vessel, as well as various *in personam* claims against, *inter alia*, defendant Regal Stone Limited.

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